GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ITE&C Dept - Prom Wing –Constitution of Information Technology (IT) Advisory Council for Andhra Pradesh – Orders – Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS (Promotions) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 43 **Date:13.10.2025**
Read the Following

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.9, ITE&C (Promotions) Dept., dated: 12.12.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.10, ITE&C (Promotions) Dept., dated: 01.05.2025

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ORDER:

1. The Government of Andhra Pradesh is fast emerging as a hub of technology, innovation, and talent, with a significant pool of engineering graduates. To harness this advantage and accelerate technology-driven growth, it is imperative to establish a high-level "Information Technology (IT) Advisory Council" to provide strategic guidance on IT policies, on digital infrastructure, on cybersecurity, and to position the State as a preferred destination for IT.

2. The IT industry (including hardware) in India continues to be a cornerstone of the national economy, generating $268.8 billion in the financial year (FY) 2024- 2025, and expected to grow to $282.6 billion in FY 2025-26 (Ref: NASSCOM website). Andhra Pradesh, with its IT & GCC Policy 4.0 (2024–29), robust talent base, and dedicated initiatives like the proposed Quantum Valley in Amaravati, is on the trajectory to be India's first dedicated hub for quantum research and commercialization and provides a first-mover advantage to leading global firms, startups, and academic institutions.

3. In this context, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby constitutes the "Information Technology (IT) Advisory Council" to serve as a bridge between the Government, industry leaders, academia, and innovators, with specific functions and composition, as laid below in the following paragraphs:

4. Functions of the IT Advisory Council:

I. To provide strategic inputs in shaping the IT sector roadmap for the State, focusing on areas such as talent readiness, research and development, digital infrastructure and regulatory facilitation.

II. To review the implementation of the IT and GCC policy, evaluate its impact, gather stakeholder feedback and recommend global best practices as per evolving industry needs.

III. To provide strategic advice on the planning and creation of world-class IT infrastructure, including data centers, IT parks, Grade A commercial spaces, plug-and-play facilities and connectivity projects.

IV. To advise the adoption and ecosystem engagement in newer technologies such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, augmented reality, and ensuring that Andhra Pradesh stays ahead of global digital shifts.

V. To recommend policies and frameworks to attract both domestic and foreign investments into IT sector.

VI. To collaborate with academic institutions, skilling agencies, and industry partners to anticipate workforce requirements and advise on mechanisms to attract and retain top-tier talent from India and abroad.

4. Operations:

I. The council may constitute sub-committees/ task forces as per domains as and when required.

II. A dedicated Secretariat comprising 2–3 officers drawn from the Department of ITE&C and / or the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) shall support the council in organizing meetings, coordination, record-keeping, and follow-up actions.

III. M/s Primus Partners, consultants to the state's ITE & C department, shall provide technical and operational support to the Secretariat.

5. The Government hereby accords approval for the constitution of the IT Advisory Council with the following members:

S.No.	Representation in IT Advisory Council	Name, Organization & Designation
1.	Hon'ble Minister, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication Department	Shri. Nara Lokesh
2.	CXOs / India Heads of leading IT companies	1. Mr. Sujith Babu, Director, India & SAARC, CIENA 2. Mr. Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, Executive Vice President – Finance, Infosys 3. Ms. Nandini Singh, Executive Director and Sector Lead, IBM 4. Mr. Gaurav Hazra, Vice President, Cognizant 5. Mr. Ravi Bhavaraju, Region Head - Delivery Centre Management, TCS
3.	CXOs / India Heads of leading IT Development Centers	Mr. Vishnu Mamidipally, Senior Vice President, Persistent Systems

4.	CXOs/ Heads of Co-working spaces	1. Mr. Karan Virwani, CEO, WeWork 2. Mr. Rishi Das, Cofounder & Chairman, IndiQube 3. Mr. Sameer Singh, COO, 91 Springboard
5.	Representatives from NASSCOM and CII	1. Ms. Sangeeta Gupta, Sr VP & Chief Strategy Officer, NASSCOM 2. Mr. Murali Krishna Gannamani, Chairman, CII- Andhra Pradesh
6.	Founders of successful Andhra Pradesh-based startups	Mr. Pavan Krishna Kosaraju, CEO, Aqua Exchange Agritech Pvt Ltd
7.	Head of R & D Centers/ CoE	Mr. Sanjeev Malhotra, CEO, NASSCOM, CoE on IoT & AI
8.	Eminent National Experts in	
	Artificial Intelligence	Mr. Vishal Dhupar, MD, Southeast Asia, NVIDIA
	Semiconductor	Mr. B S Chakravarthy, Group CEO, DTDS
	Quantum Technologies	Dr. Ajai Chowdhry, Chairman MGB, National Quantum Mission
9.	Representative from Software Technology Parks of India	Mr. Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI
10.	Representatives from Academic, Skilling and Research Institutions	1. Prof. N V Ramana Rao, Director (In-charge), NIT Andhra Pradesh 2. Prof. (Dr.) K.Madhu Murthy, Chancellor (I/C) & Chairperson, Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) 3. Dr. S.V. Kota Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, VIT-AP
11.	Secretary to Government, Information Technology, Electronics and communication Department - *Convenor / Member Secretary*	Mr. Bhaskar Katamneni, IAS
12.	Secretary to Government, Industries and Commerce Department	Dr. N. Yuvaraj, IAS
13.	MD & CEO, Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation	Mr. G. Ganesh Kumar, IAS
14.	Administrative Secretariat by AP EDB/ ITE & C Department	Representatives from AP EDB/ ITE & C Department
15.	Technical Secretariat/ Knowledge Partner by consultants to the State ITE & C Department	M/s Primus Partners

16.	Special Invitees	Sectoral Experts as required

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

BHASKAR KATAMNENI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,

1. The Honorable Minister for IT, HRD and RTG.
2. The Secretary to Government, Industries & Commerce Department.,
3. The Secretary to Government, ITE&C Dept.,
4. The MD &CEO, AP Skill Development Corporation
5. The Director, India & SAARC, CIENA
6. The Executive Vice President – Finance, Infosys
7. The Executive Director and Sector Lead, IBM
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